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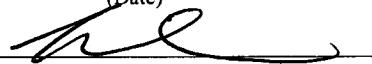
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Basol et al.  
Application Number: 10/017,494  
Filing Date: December 7, 2001  
Title: PLANARITY DETECTION  
METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
ELECTROCHEMICAL  
MECHANICAL PROCESSING  
SYSTEMS  
Examiner Name: R. Culbert  
Group Art Unit: 1763

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

Enclosed:  
 Preliminary Amendment in 13 pages.  
 Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

A Revocation and General Power of Attorney Form.  
 A Statement Under 37 CFR §3.73(b) and Change of Correspondence Address.

3. Fees:

RCE fee (\$790 large entity)  
 Extension of Time fee:  
 Two Month (\$450)

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4. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$1,240 to cover the above fees.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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